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1. [ ] the Chinese Communist East China Military Area (ECMA) began organizing 75 militia basic cadre regiments.<sup>1</sup> [ ] ECMA completed the organization of 22 of the total regiments planned; the remaining 53 regiments were scheduled for formation [ ]. The militia basic cadre regiments were instructed to render assistance to the Communist regular army units and public security forces in safeguarding national defense and preserving local order. They were also instructed to assist in the consolidation of government controls over the populace; to protect industry, communications, and warehouses; and to participate in production projects.
2. Candidates for militia service were required to be between 18 and 25,<sup>2</sup> in good physical condition, and politically sound. Another requirement stated that a candidate must come from a family with surplus labor.
3. Each hsiang (6763) was directed to organize one squad of 12 to 16 men; each ch'u (0575) was to organize one company (chung,tui, 0022/7130); each hsien was

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to organize one battalion (ta tui, 1129/7130); and each military district<sup>3</sup> was to organize one regiment.<sup>4</sup> The ECMA considered increasing quota requirements in areas where there was dense population.

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4. Recruitment in the Wenchou (N 28-01, E 120-38) Hsien area [REDACTED] was divided into two stages. During the first stage, men from 18 to 25 were recruited; during the second stage men from 17 to 32 were scheduled for recruitment. Each village and ch'u was expected to contribute 10 and 100 men respectively. An estimated 50,000 (sic) recruits from hsien under the jurisdiction of the Wenchou government were concentrated in Wenchou for physical examinations.<sup>5</sup>

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